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The examiner acknowledges receipt of the "Response to the Letter of Suspension" and the copy of the Jury Verdict. However, this application will continue suspended pending the outcome of Reexamination 90/006,597. The outcome of Reexamination No. 90/006,597 has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims disclosed in this application.

Accordingly, prosecution on this application is suspended pending a final judgement of the cited reexamination. Applicant should call this case up for action upon termination of the Reexamination proceedings.

Very respectfully,

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